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FOR GENERAL HUYSER FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: US-SPANISH COMBINED MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF

1. AS YOU KNOW BY NOW FROM REPORTING ON THE MAY 12 MEETINGS OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL, PROGRESS WAS MADE TOWARD PUTTING THE COMBINED STAFF TO WORK AT ITS PERMANENT SITE IN MADRID. FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA COMMITTED HIMSELF TO AN EFFORT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WITHIN 40 DAYS, THAT IS, IN THE LATTER PART OF JUNE.

2. IT WAS VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE GENERAL MCCLELLAN HERE. HE HAS NOW GONE THROUGH THE BUILDING WITH GENERAL LLOSA AND INFORMS ME THAT RELATIVELY LITTLE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ACCOMMODATE SOMEWHAT SPARTAN INITIAL OPERATIONS BY A LIMITED STAFF. LLOSA AND HE ENVISAGE STARTING WITH ROUGHLY 8 OR 9 PERSONS EACH SIDE, AND THIS SEEMS TO ME TO BE APPROPRIATE.

3. WHILE WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THERE STILL COULD BE SOME

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SLIPPAGE WITH RESPECT TO THE BUILDING, IT SHOULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIAL, AND I HAVE THEREFORE ASKED GEN. MCCLELLAN TO BE IN MADRID WITH AN INITIAL STAFF BY MONDAY, JUNE 20, IN ORDER TO MAKE THE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BEGIN WORK AT THE PERMANENT SITE SOON THEREAFTER.

4. WE HAVE HAD SOME VERY PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SPANISH

REGARDING A FORMAL INAUGURATION OF THE BUILDING AND THE STAFF,
WHICH THEY CLEARLY WOULD LIKE. HOWEVER, NO DATE FOR THIS HAS
BEEN DISCUSSED YET. I THINK THIS CAN BE DEALT WITH LATER; IN
MY VIEW IT NEED NOT BE REGARDED AS SOMETHING WHICH WOULD HAVE
TO BE DONE BEFORE THE STAFF COULD SET TO WORK. INDEED, IT
MIGHT BE THAT THE SPANISH WILL PREFER TO DO THIS ONLY AFTER
THE NEW GOVT IS WELL SETTLED IN.

5. I WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU ON THIS.

6. WARMEST REGARDS. STABLER

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